The Tulsa Zoo partners with the Mabula Ground Hornbill Project and their important conservation projects focused on studying the Southern ground hornbill’s genetics, behavior and other unanswered questions necessary for successful re-establishment of Southern ground hornbills throughout South Africa.

**TULSA ZOO’S FOCUS: COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND TRANSMITTER FUNDING**

- Our partnership will provide support for the Mabula Ground Hornbill Project’s Awareness Campaigns that educate the local public and communities about the threats facing this important species and to reinstate the bird into areas where it has become locally extinct. The Tulsa Zoo will also be providing support to purchase VHF and satellite transmitters that are essential for the reintroduction project and will be the only organization providing for this specific aspect of the project. The transmitters are attached to the Southern ground hornbills when the birds undergo their final health check prior to release into the wild. The transmitters help monitor the birds after release and are a tremendous help when the birds are not able to be visually checked. Usually, this monitoring is done by members of the local community to ensure that they are involved in the conservation efforts. It creates jobs in the areas where the releases take place and provide valuable information that contributes to the overall understanding and conservation of the species in the wild.

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